# DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY



DIVISION

# INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE 1100 Commerce Street, MC 4920 DAL Dallas, TX 75242

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Identification Number:

Contact Telephone Number:

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# CERTIFIED MAIL - Return Receipt Requested

Dear

This is a final determination that your exempt status under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code is revoked. Recognition of your exemption under Internal Revenue Code section 501(c)(3) is revoked effective May 15, 20XX for the following reason(s):

You did not respond to our requests for information about your financial records and activities necessary to complete our examination. Therefore, you have not demonstrated that you are operated exclusively for exempt purposes within the meaning of Internal Revenue Code section 501(c)(3).

As such, you failed to meet the requirements of Internal Revenue Code section 501(c)(3) and Treasury Regulation Section 1.501(c)(3)-1(d), in that you failed to establish that you were operated exclusively for an exempt purpose.

Contributions to your organization are no longer deductible under section 170 of the Internal Revenue Code effective May 15, 20XX.

You are required to file Federal income tax returns on Form 1120. These returns should be filed with the appropriate Service Center for the year ending December 31, 20XX, and for all subsequent years.

Processing of income tax returns and assessment of any taxes due will not be delayed should a petition for declaratory judgment be filed under section 7428 of the Internal Revenue Code.

If you decide to contest this determination in court, you must initiate a suit for declaratory judgment in the United States Tax Court, the United States Claim Court or the District Court of the United States for the District of Columbia before the 91st day after the date this determination was mailed to you. Contact the clerk of the appropriate court for the rules for initiating suits for declaratory judgment. Please contact the clerk of the respective court for rules and the appropriate forms regarding filing petitions for declaratory judgment by referring to the enclosed Publication 892. Please note that the United States Tax Court is the only one of these courts where a declaratory judgment action can be pursued without the services of a lawyer. You may write to the courts at the following addresses:

United States Tax Court 400 Second Street, NW Washington, DC 20217

US Court of Federal Claims 717 Madison Place, NW Washington, DC 20005

U. S. District Court for the District of Columbia 333 Constitution Ave., N.W. Washington, DC 20001

You may call the IRS telephone number listed in your local directory. An IRS employee there may be able to help you, but the contact person at the address shown on this letter is most familiar with your case. You may also call the Internal Revenue Service Taxpayer Advocate.

The Taxpayer Advocate Service (TAS) is an independent organization within the IRS that can help protect your taxpayer rights. We can offer you help if your tax problem is causing a hardship, or you've tried but haven't been able to resolve your problem with the IRS. If you qualify for our assistance, which is always free, we will do everything possible to help you. Visit taxpayeradvocate.irs.gov or call 1-877-777-4778.

If you have any questions, please contact the person whose name and telephone number are shown in the heading of this letter.

Sincerely yours,

Enclosures:
Publication 892
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Paul A. Marmolejo Acting Director, EO Examinations



## Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service 324 25th St Rm 6025 Mail Stop 1112 Ogden, UT 84401

Date:

November 17, 2016
Person to Contact/ID Number:

Contact Numbers: Telephone:

Fax:

Taxpayer Identification Number:

Form: 990-N

Tax Year(s) Ended: December 31, 20XX

# Certified Mail - Return Receipt Requested

Dear

We have enclosed a copy of our report of examination explaining why we believe revocation of your organization's exempt status is necessary.

If you do not agree with our position you may appeal your case. The enclosed Publication 3498, *The Examination Process*, explains how to appeal an Internal Revenue Service (IRS) decision. Publication 3498 also includes information on your rights as a taxpayer and the IRS collection process.

If you request a conference, we will forward your written statement of protest to the Appeals Office and they will contact you. For your convenience, an envelope is enclosed.

If you and Appeals do not agree on some or all of the issues after your Appeals conference, or if you do not request an Appeals conference, you may file suit in United States Tax Court, the United States Court of Federal Claims, or United States District Court, after satisfying procedural and jurisdictional requirements as described in Publication 3498.

You may also request that we refer this matter for technical advice as explained in Publication 892, *Exempt Organization Appeal Procedures for Unagreed Issues*. If a determination letter is issued to you based on technical advice, no further administrative appeal is available to you within the IRS on the issue that was the subject of the technical advice.

If you accept our findings, please sign and return the enclosed Form 6018, *Consent to Proposed Adverse Action*. We will then send you a final letter revoking your exempt status. If we do not hear from you within 30 days from the date of this letter, we will process your case on the basis of the recommendations shown in the report of examination and this letter will become final. In that event, you will be required to file Federal income tax returns for the tax

Letter 3610 (Rev. 11-2003) Catalog Number: 34801V period(s) shown above. File these returns with the Ogden Service Center within 60 days from the date of this letter, unless a request for an extension of time is granted. File returns for later tax years with the appropriate service center indicated in the instructions for those returns.

You have the right to contact the office of the Taxpayer Advocate. Taxpayer Advocate assistance is not a substitute for established IRS procedures, such as the formal appeals process. The Taxpayer Advocate cannot reverse a legally correct tax determination, or extend the time fixed by law that you have to file a petition in a United States court. The Taxpayer Advocate can, however, see that a tax matter that may not have been resolved through normal channels gets prompt and proper handling. You may call toll-free 1-877-777-4778 and ask for Taxpayer Advocate Assistance. If you prefer, you may contact your local Taxpayer Advocate at:

If you have any questions, please call the contact person at the telephone number shown in the heading of this letter. If you write, please provide a telephone number and the most convenient time to call if we need to contact you.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Margaret Von Lienen

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Director, Exempt Organizations Examinations

Enclosures:
Publication 892
Publication 3498
Form 6018
Report of Examination
Envelope

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Name of Taxpayer		Year/Period Ended 20XX12

Date of Notice: November 17, 2015

**Final Report** 

#### Issues:

Whether continues to qualify for exemption from Federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

### Facts:

The organization failed to respond to the Internal Revenue Service attempts to obtain information to perform an examination of the December 31, 20XX tax year.

The organization received their approval for tax exemption on September 3, 20XX. The organization was established for the purpose of providing through an onsite and internet radio blog through live streaming.

Exhibit A (below) provides a list of the Internal Revenue Service correspondence or phone contacts made to requesting that organization provide information pertaining to your audit for the December 31, 20XX tax year.

### Summary of Exhibit A

Contact type	Correspondence sent/ Phone	Date sent Or	Certified Mail Sent	Receipt signed date or
Letter Phone call	contact 3606/IDR Left VM about exam.	Date called		Phone response
Phone call Fax	After contact from faxed letter and mailed letter 3606 with IDR to correct address Po Box			Rcvd call from . He had not received letter from . Address incorrect on our records.
Phone call	Left VM			
Phone call Sent Letter	Left VM Sent letter 0000 with copy of 3606 and IDR Certified to Po Box		Y	Rcvd certified receipt Signed by
Phone call	Talked with President/Officer Told him that I had sent letters and made calls and no one has			Have received no reply to call.

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has failed to respond to the Internal Revenue Service correspondence for information pertaining to the examination for the December 31, 20XX tax period.

#### Law:

### 501(c)(3)

§501(c)(3) Requires tax exempt entities be organized and operated exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, testing for public safety, literary or educational purposes and to foster national and amateur sports competition.

§Reg 1.501(c)(3)-1(a) In order to be exempt under §501(c)(3) the organization must be both organized and operated exclusively for one or more of the purposes specified in the section. (religious, charitable, scientific, testing for public safety, literary or educational)

IRC § 6001 provides that every person liable for any tax imposed by the IRC, or for the collection thereof, shall keep adequate records as the Secretary of the Treasury or his delegate may from time to time prescribe.

Treas. Reg. § 1.6001-1(a) in conjunction with Treas. Reg. § 1.6001-1(c) provides that every organization exempt from tax under IRC § 501(a) and subject to the tax imposed by IRC § 511 on its unrelated business income must keep such permanent books or accounts or records, including inventories, as are sufficient to establish the amount of gross income, deduction, credits, or other matters required to be shown by such person in any return of such tax. Such organization shall also keep such books and records as are required to substantiate the information required by IRC § 6033.

**Treas. Reg. § 1.6001-1(e)** states that the books or records required by this section shall be kept at all times available for inspection by authorized internal revenue officers or employees, and shall be retained as long as the contents thereof may be material in the administration of any internal revenue law.

IRC § 6033(a)(1) provides, except as provided in IRC § 6033(a)(2), every organization exempt from tax under section 501(a) shall file an annual return, stating specifically the items of gross income, receipts and disbursements, and such other information for the purposes of carrying

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out the internal revenue laws as the Secretary may by forms or regulations prescribe, and keep such records, render under oath such statements, make such other returns, and comply with such rules and regulations as the Secretary may from time to time prescribe.

Treas. Reg § 1.6033-1(h)(2) provides that every organization which has established its right to exemption from tax, whether or not it is required to file an annual return of information, shall submit such additional information as may be required by the district director for the purpose of enabling him to inquire further into its exempt status and to administer the provisions of subchapter F (section 501 and the following), chapter 1 of the Code and IRC § 6033.

Rev. Rul. 59-95, 1959-1 C.B. 627, concerns an exempt organization that was requested to produce a financial statement and statement of its operations for a certain year. However, its records were so incomplete that the organization was unable to furnish such statements. The Service held that the failure or inability to file the required information return or otherwise to comply with the provisions of IRC § 6033 and the regulations which implement it, may result in the termination of the exempt status of an organization previously held exempt, on the grounds that the organization has not established that it is observing the conditions required for the continuation of exempt status.

### **Government's Position:**

In accordance with the above cited provisions of the Code and regulations under IRC §§ 6001 and 6033, organizations recognized as exempt from federal income tax must meet certain reporting requirements. These requirements relate to the filing of a complete and accurate annual information return (and other required federal tax forms) and the retention of records sufficient to determine whether such entity is operated for the purposes for which it was granted tax-exempt status and to determine its liability for any unrelated business income tax.

Several attempts have been made to contact the organization. The organization was contacted via mail and phone calls to send information about the December 31, 20XX tax year. Letter was sent by certified mail and certified receipt was received by the service with signature of . Several phone calls and voice messages to contact the organization have not been returned. Using the rationale that was developed in Revenue Ruling 59-95, the organization's failure to provide requested information should result in the termination of exempt status.

### Organization's Position:

Several attempts to contact the organizations have been made by either letter or phone calls. The organization has failed to respond to letters sent or phone calls made regarding the examination of the December 31, 20XX tax year.

#### Conclusion:

It is the IRS's position that the organization failed to meet the reporting requirements under IRC §§ 6001 and 6033 to be recognized as exempt from federal income tax under IRC § 501(c)(3). Furthermore, the organization has failed to establish that it continues to qualify for tax exempt status. Accordingly, the organization's exempt status is revoked effective May 15, 20XX.

Form(s) 1120, U.S. Corporation Income Tax Return should be filed for the tax periods ending on or after December 31, 20XX.